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"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isa. 55:1.

"...freely ye have received, freely give," Mat. 10:8.

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The book of Genesis describes the beginning of all things as we know them. Genesis has to do with being generated, begun, put in motion, brought forth, etc. Genesis declares that the heavens and earth were originally created, generated, brought forth by Elohim. Elohim made man in His own image and set him as sovereign over the earth. What follows throughout Scripture is the inability of man, when left to himself, to be faithful in serving the commands and edicts of his very own Creator. This treatise will reveal how a very important statement made at the beginning, the genesis, has been brought around full circle in the end of days, for those who desire understanding.

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Scripture reveals that man (Adam) was made on the sixth day of creation being made the sovereign, the master over the earth, “And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So Elohim created man in his own image, in the image of Elohim created he him; male and female created he them. And Elohim blessed them, and Elohim said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth...And Elohim saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the **sixth day**,” Gen. 1:26-28, 31.

Did you know that the primary element of which we are made is carbon? Did you know that the atomic number for carbon is six (6)? Furthermore the Scriptural number for man has always been understood to be six! As a matter of fact, the book of Revelation chapter 13 reveals that the number of the end-time beast is 666!

We learn through the five senses, 1) seeing, 2) hearing, 3) smelling, 4) tasting and 5) feeling. But we need a sixth component if we are able to put the knowledge of these five senses together. That sixth component is the “spirit (breath) in man.” “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?” 1 Cor. 2:11 (first part).

The main Hebrew word for spirit is *ruach*. The main Greek word for spirit is *pneuma*. Both words, *ruach* and *pneuma* are also translated as breath. The Hebrew word *ruach* is also translated as air. We breathe (*ruach*) the air (*ruach*), which gives us life. Thus, the natural man is once again labeled with the number six (6). We learn through the five (5) senses and the sixth (6th) component that we utilize to not only live, but amalgamate knowledge through the five senses is breath, air, spirit (*ruach/pneuma*). This imparts to us the knowledge of the natural, carnal man.

THE INTERPLAY

Yahweh uses various plays on words in the Hebrew Scriptures that we simply don't see in the English language. When we read, "And Elohim said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness..." (Gen. 1:26), there are many subtle messages that can be found in just these few words.

One of those messages is about the word "man," which in the Hebrew language, is Adam. Adam was made of the dust of the **ground**. The Hebrew word for "ground" is *adamah*! The Hebrew characters for Adam are **אָדָם** (א = a; ד = d; מ = m). The Hebrew characters for ground are **אָדָמָה** (א = a; ד = d; מ = m; ה = h).

The Hebrew characters for man (Adam/אָדָם) tell another story, which confirms the truth about Adam and Eve being the first two humans created to begin the human race. The A/א (*aleph*) in the word Adam is the very first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It has to do with the number one (1) and therefore, indicates that Adam is the one and only first man. The second letter d/ד (*dalet*) is a picture word for "door." The third letter m/מ (*mim*) is a picture for water. We learn from John 7:37-39 that water is type of the spirit, "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Yahshua stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Spirit was not yet given; because that Yahshua was not yet glorified.)"

While water in this scenario presented by Yahshua has to do in typology with the Holy Spirit, the situation is that water can also symbolize the spirit, breath in/of man. In the book of Revelation, John is shown the judgment of the whore who sits upon many waters. This whore sits upon many false spirits, but also upon the **sea** of humanity.

Once again, the Hebrew word for "spirit" is *ruach*, which can also be translated as "breath." The Greek word for "spirit" is *pneuma*, which can also be translated as "breath." Thus, in the name Adam, we find that he is the first (א) man, the door (ד) through which all humanity comes into being, receiving the breath/spirit (מ) of physical, fleshly, carnal life.

Man is made from the dust of the "ground." Since the Hebrew word for "ground" is *adamah* (אָדָמָה), Yahweh utilized a play on words in the Hebrew language. The final letter in ground (אָדָמָה) is the Hebrew letter hei (ה). It tenders the idea of "lo", or "behold." Sometimes the man is

referred to as HaAdam (אָדָם). Thus we would obtain, Behold the man (Adam/אָדָם) from the ground (adamah/אֲדָמָה)! Yes, absolutely! Behold the wondrous power and works that Yahweh Elohim has the ability to bring forth!

Yahweh formed man (*adam*) from the dust (*aphar*) of the ground (*adamah*). The Hebrew word for “formed” is *yatsar*. The definition for *yatsar* is to mould into a form; especially as a potter. It has to do with squeezing something into shape! What a marvelous potter is Yahweh, as the Prophet Isaiah declared, “But now, Yahweh, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter (*yatsar*); and we all are the work of thy hand,” 64:8.

BLOOD

Another amazing thing that is no doubt designed by Yahweh is the Hebrew word for blood. The word is *dam* (דָּם), the last two letters in the name of Adam (אָדָם). The Scriptures decree that the life of all flesh is in the blood, “And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood (דָּם); I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For **the life of the flesh is in the blood**: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off,” Lev. 17:10-14.

The Hebrew word for “life” in this instance is *nephesh*. *Nephesh* is another interesting combination of words, but when we come to understand the underlying truth of the situation, then more marvels are revealed. The Scriptures reveal, “And Yahweh Elohim formed (*yatsar*) man (*adam*) of the dust (*aphar*) of the ground (*adamah*), and breathed (*naphach*) into his nostrils (*aph*) the breath (*neshemah*) of life; and man became a living soul (*nephesh*),” Gen. 2:7. (Note: *neshemah* is another Hebrew word for breath.)

Now look at the play on words and the combinations as a result. Yahweh

breathed (*naphach*) into his nostrils (*aph*). Through the nostrils (*aph*) we breathe (*naphach*) our breath (*neshamah*), which makes us a living soul (*nephesh*). *Nephesh* is a combination of *naphach*, *aph*, and *neshamah*!

Oxygen, breath, spirit, is carried to the body via the red blood cells, which look like the number eight laying on its side ∞ . Interestingly, in mathematics, the same symbol is utilized for infinity, but that's another story. Amazingly, the atomic number for oxygen is eight (8)! Isn't it interesting that Yahweh created the man, put blood in his veins which carries the life giving oxygen throughout his body and the atomic number for oxygen would be discovered to be eight and the blood cells that deliver the oxygen to the body would look like the number eight?! Is this by design? This author believes so, which reveals the most wondrous and awesome intellect that can ever be. The blood is oxygenated in the lungs, which then flows to the heart so it can first be pumped to the brain, the body's control center. This is also the center of our feelings, emotions, thoughts, etc. The blood then flows to the rest of the body with the remaining oxygen and foodstuffs in order to provide breath, oxygen and food for the body's cellular structure. It is, we are, a most marvelous mechanism. There is no way that the ignorance of evolution could have brought forth such a marvelous creation! Those who embrace an original explosion with subsequent evolutionary development are purposely blinded and even though they may be some of the most brilliant minds on earth, the fact of the matter is that they are willingly ignorant of the true facts.

Yahweh forbids us to eat or drink blood because the life (*nephesh*) of the flesh is in the blood. Yahweh forbids certain things, not because He doesn't want us to enjoy life, but because He does want us to enjoy life. The problem is that man casts Yahweh's word behind and goes out to seek his own pleasure and desires, which are not in league with what Yahweh wants for us.

This leads us to understand more concerning the creation of Adam, one man, through whom we all, as from one blood, issue forth. The Apostle Paul declared to the men of Athens, "Yahweh that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Sovereign of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; **And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth**, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek Yahweh, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he

be not far from every one of us: For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of Elohim, we ought not to think that the headship is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device. And the times of this ignorance Yahweh winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead," Acts 17:24-31.

The Hebrew, once again, for blood is **דָּם** (*dam*). The Hebrew term for "one" is *echad* (**אֶחָד**), but also the Hebrew letter for "one" is the aleph (**א**). The one man from whom all peoples have issued is the first man Adam (**אָדָם**). Notice again that the Hebrew word for ground is *adamah* (**אֲדָמָה**) and the Hebrew word for "the man" is *ha-adam* **אָדָם הַאֵדָמָה**. The *hei* is moved from the end of the letters in ground to the beginning in "the man."

The breath, the oxygen, the air, the spirit that we breathe imparts life to us so that we can accumulate the knowledge through the five senses. This makes us a six component being.

THE TORAH

The first five books of the Bible are called the Torah. In the Torah there are found commandments, statutes, judgments and teachings, which are good for us to read, learn and inculcate into our lives.

Here is another interesting concept that is inculcated into the Torah that few people understand. The very first letter of the Scriptures is the *beit* (**ב**). It is the second letter of the Hebrew alphabet and is also utilized for the number two. It is an hieroglyphic for a house.

The very last letter of the Torah is the letter *lamed* (**ל**). It also represents the number thirty (30). It is an hieroglyphic of a shepherd's staff or cattle goad. Amazingly, the word *lamed* comes from the Hebrew word *lamad*, which has to do with learning, teaching and purpose. But what is even more amazing is that the Hebrew word for "heart" is *leb* (**לֵב**).

If we will set our heart (**לֵב**) upon Yahweh's word, then we will learn and be taught of the Creator and His purpose for the creation. The study of the Torah will bring us to Yahshua the Messiah, Who is the true Shepherd, possessing the Shepherd's staff (**ל**). The *lamed* (**ל**) in the Paleo Hebrew (**𐤋**) is a closer representative of the shepherd's staff. Yahshua, the

Shepherd, will lead us to the house (beit/בַּיִת) of Yahweh.

However, if we turn our heart away from Yahweh and His marvelous word, then we will give ourselves to another master. That master is Bel/Baal (בַּל). That's right folks, if we will love Yahweh with all our heart (בְּכָל), then we will learn and be taught the purpose of life itself. We will have a faith and confidence, a peace that will give us strength and courage. But if we refuse and cast Yahweh's word behind hating the wisdom, knowledge and understanding contained therein, then we will give ourselves over to another master (Bel/Baal/בַּל) who is the sovereign of the house of idolatry, rebellion, fear, death and destruction. Isn't it interesting that the word Bel/Baal (בַּל) is a reversal of the word heart (בְּכָל)? There are messages such as these revealed throughout the Scriptures, which reveal the awesome mind and spirit that inspired it all to be written and presented to us for our instruction and use. He is worthy of our praise, honor and love with the whole heart. The truth of the matter is that the Hebrew language is the language of revelation. When the Scriptures are converted into other languages without the Hebrew as an inter-linear, then the wondrous truths such as these are lost. Once this is done, it is easy to deceive and mislead people into paths that are not good. It's too bad that the overall preponderance of mankind casts His word behind or misuses and abuses it.

THE TREE

There are certain things in the beginning stages of the book of Genesis that simply are not focused on, nor understood by the overall majority of the people. Yahweh had made the man Adam from the dust of the ground and placed him into the Garden of Eden to dress and keep it. Two trees were planted in the midst of the garden, the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Gen. 2:9). Yahweh cautioned the man, "And Yahweh Elohim commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat **of it**: for in the day that thou eatest **thereof** thou shalt surely die," Gen. 2:16-17.

Interestingly, "of it" and "thereof" are both translated from the same Hebrew word פָּרָסָה (*memenu*). It is also interesting that if you check with the concordances, etc., this word is not introduced. One has to possess an Interlinear Bible, which has the Hebrew language of the Old Testament and the Greek of the New Testament with the corresponding English if he is going to discover this word. If we trace this Hebrew word as it is utilized in chapter three we will learn something that has been hidden and

misunderstood from the beginning (at least by the minds of natural men).

Let us trace the places wherein this word is utilized is Gen. 3:1-11, “Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which Yahweh Elohim had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath Elohim said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat **of it** (פרי עץ / *memenu*), neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat **thereof** (פרי עץ / *memenu*), then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit **thereof** (פרי עץ / *memenu*), and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of Yahweh Elohim walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Yahweh Elohim amongst the trees of the garden. And Yahweh Elohim called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten **of** (פרי עץ / *memenu*) the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?”

Notice that this word *memenu* is only utilized when speaking of eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is never utilized when speaking of eating from the other trees of the garden.

The next verse wherein *memenu* is utilized is Gen. 3:17, “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat **of it** (פרי עץ / *memenu*): cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.”

Finally, we come to verse 22, “And Yahweh Elohim said, Behold, the man is become as one **of us** (פרי עץ / *memenu*), to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever.”

Instead of having been translated as “...become as one **of us**...” it should have been translated as “...become as one **from it**...” (the tree). Yahweh is righteous and lives forever. The man, because of his action of eating

from the tree, came under the penalty of death. His knowledge was now the knowledge of good and evil, a mixture that brings pain, grief, suffering, corruption, sin and death. Man was now corruptible and mortal, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...” Ro. 5:12.

THE IMAGE

Man, Adam, was made in the image of Elohim, “And Elohim said, Let us make man (Adam) in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So Elohim created man (Adam) in his own image, in the image of Elohim created he him; male and female created he them,” Gen. 1:26-27.

The Hebrew word for “image” is *tselem*. It is defined as; from an unused root meaning to shade; a phantom, i.e. (figuratively) illusion, resemblance; hence, a representative figure, **especially an idol** (*Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*).

Man, Adam, was created as a representative figure, a resemblance of Elohim. As long as Adam and Eve continued in the covenant that Yahweh made with them, there was no problem. But the serpent came into the picture and deceived Eve to think that they weren’t all that they could be. He asked her, “Yea, hath Elohim said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” Gen. 3:1. The woman responded, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, Elohim hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die,” vv. 2-3. The serpent replied, “Ye shall not surely die: For Elohim doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as Elohim**, knowing good and evil,” vv. 4-5.

The serpent, who is Satan the devil, is the father of lies and also a murderer (Jn. 8:44). He deceived Eve into partaking of something that was forbidden by Yahweh. But what happened is that Adam and Eve, the proto-type of all mankind ate of the forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which in effect, turned them away from the resemblance of the righteous Elohim who made them and caused them to be filled with the knowledge of good and evil. They partook of the tree of death and brought death not only upon themselves, but all of their descendants who would follow them, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned,” Ro. 5:12.

The Psalmist declared, “Surely every man walketh in a **vain shew**: surely they are disquieted in vain: he heapeth up riches, and knoweth not who shall gather them,” Psa. 39:6.

“Vain shew” is translated from *tselem*! Every man (descendant of Adam) walks in a *tselem*, a shade, a shadow, an illusion, an idolatrous image (whether his own, or a false pagan deity)! In other words, man has made his own elohim in the images that pleases himself. He has also made himself as elohim. That is the reality of the world in which we live today! Have you ever heard of the encouragement, “Worship at the church of YOUR CHOICE?” Have you heard of evolution? Have you heard of humanism, socialism, communism and capitalism? These are all systems and ideologies that cause man to establish himself as elohim.

THE CURSES

After Adam and Eve took of the forbidden fruit, Yahweh pronounced curses upon each one; the serpent for his deception, the man and woman because they disobeyed the commandment of Yahweh. Yahweh cursed the serpent thusly, “And Yahweh Elohim said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and **dust (aphar) shalt thou eat all the days of thy life**: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel,” Gen. 3:14-15.

He proclaimed to Adam, “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for **dust (aphar) thou art, and unto dust (aphar) shalt thou return**,” Gen. 3:17-19.

So very, very few people have understood the nature of Yahweh’s curses pronounced here. Yahweh assigned man, Adam and his descendants, to be the SERPENT’S FOOD!

Scripture declares that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim, “For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of Elohim,” Ro. 3:23. “Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin**; and so **death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned**: (For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to

Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come," Ro. 5:12-14.

The power of the serpent is to cause all of Adam's descendants to sin, falling short of the glory of Elohim and to enter into the grave wherein all return to dust.

It is stated in the book of Psalms, "Have all **the workers of iniquity** no knowledge? **Who eat up my people as they eat bread**, and call not upon Yahweh?" 14:4.

This same statement is made elsewhere, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no Elohim. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good. Elohim looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek Elohim. Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Have **the workers of iniquity** no knowledge? **Who eat up my people as they eat bread**: they have not called upon Elohim," Psa. 53:1-4.

Yahweh indicts the heads of Israel, "And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment? Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; **Who also eat the flesh of my people**, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron," Mic. 3:1-3.

The Prophet Zephaniah is moved to proclaim, "Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in Yahweh; she drew not near to her Elohim. **Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow. Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law**," Zeph. 3:1-4.

Do you understand what is going on here? The serpent Satan eats the flesh of man. Even Yahweh's own people Israel and Judah are under this power that he has. Not only do the enemies of Yahweh's people eat them like bread, but their own leaders, their princes, rulers, priests and spiritual leaders have their part in it!

Are you beginning to understand that in today's world, the enemies of our people are eating up our industries and factories? Are you beginning

to understand why we have become the greatest debtor nation to the rest of the world? Are you beginning to understand why our leaders make promises that they absolutely will not keep, just to get elected? Are you beginning to understand why our own leaders are so willing to sell their own people out to the highest bidder? Are you beginning to understand why the judgment from the courts of the land are so corrupted that true justice is being perverted? Are you beginning to understand how the religions, the ministers, the churches, twist the truth of Yahweh and His word into lies causing the people to practice idolatrous pagan practices?

THE TRUTH ABOUT SIN

Man, who is born of woman, comes into this world with the spirit (breath/*ruach/pneuma*) of Adam. The spirit (breath) of man (Adam) knows and imparts the things, the knowledge of man, but it cannot understand the things of the Spirit of Yahweh, “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of Yahweh knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Yahweh,” 1 Cor. 2:11.

The prophets (preachers) and priests have done violence to the law of Yahweh (Zeph. 3:4). The workers of iniquity have no knowledge of Yahweh Elohim (Psa. 14:4; 53:4). Yahweh’s sanctuary has been polluted by them (Zeph. 3:4). How and why? Because they teach that Yahweh’s law is done away. They teach a “mystery of iniquity.” What is iniquity? Its primary definition would be “lawlessness.” In other words, a mysterious gospel that teaches that the law is done away so that the people can look righteous, but continue in sin.

What is sin? “Sin is the transgression of the law,” 1 Jn. 3:4. If the law is done away, then there is no more sin. If there is no more sin, then there is no more need of a Savior to cleanse us from our sins.

The truth of the matter is Yahweh’s law, His commandments, are the real morality. If we lived by His Ten Commandments, then we would never be taken away and dedicated to another Elohim. We would know Yahweh. We would know His name. We would never utilize excuses for the use of other names and titles as replacements for His name. That is the spirit and intent of the first commandment, to know Who Yahweh is, by knowing His name and forbidding the introduction of other names and therefore other deities into one’s worship.

The second commandment has to do with worship. Man is physical and desires physical representatives for spiritual things. Yahweh is Spirit and wants us to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth. We can’t make a physical representative of He Who is invisible or hidden from our eyes. Any physi-

cal representative, not only of graven images, but of pictures, and artwork will never portray the true realities of Yahweh nor Yahshua.

The third commandment has to do with taking His name in vain. “Vain” has to do with that which is empty, useless, purposeless, destructive. His name is also not to be utilized for idolatrous purposes. In other words, we are to worship Him as He commands, not in the manner that “seems right to a man” (Prov. 14:12, 16:25).

But we are also not to make light of His name to the point of decreeing that it doesn’t make any difference what or who we call Him (after all, He knows what we mean is the excuse). His name is to be considered to be most valuable to His people. His people are to treasure His name and delight in it.

We are to worship Him every day forever and ever, but also in accordance with His seventh day rest or Sabbath command instituted in Genesis chapters one and two and repeated for clarity in the Ten Commandments as well as elsewhere.

We are to honor our father and mother, not to kill or murder, steal, bear false witness nor covet anything that belongs to others.

Just think what a world we would have if these commandments were obeyed. Marriages would be greatly blessed, children obedient and happy. There would be peace and safety, no murderers lurking anywhere. There would be no burglars, thieves, or robbers, our possessions would be safe. There would be no lies, only truth would prevail. We can only dream of such a world today, but it will be reality in the soon coming kingdom of heaven.

THE RECEPTORS

Our blood along with our DNA works as a receptor or receiver. This couldn’t have been understood in ages past as readily as in today’s world. The air is filled with radio waves, television waves, microwaves, radar waves, etc., etc. Radios, televisions, cell phones, radar, etc., have been developed to receive those signals from the air. Have you ever been thinking of a song and a person next to you breaks out singing, humming or whistling that same song? Have you ever been with someone only to find that you are both thinking almost the same thoughts?

The serpent Satan has the ability to broadcast in moods, attitudes, thoughts, impulses, etc. He is the prince of the power of the air, “And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time

past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; **and were by nature the children of wrath**, even as others,” Eph. 2:1-3.

Satan is the **SPIRIT** (*ruach/pneuma*) of disobedience! He is the prince of the power of the air (*ruach*)! He is the god of this world, “Therefore seeing we have this ministry, as we have received mercy, we faint not; But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of Yahweh deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of Yahweh. But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom **the god of this world** hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of the Messiah, who is the image of Elohim, should shine unto them. For we preach not ourselves, but the Messiah Yahshua the Sovereign; and ourselves your servants for Yahshua' sake. For Yahweh, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of Elohim in the face of Yahshua the Messiah. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, **that the excellency of the power may be of Yahweh, and not of us**,” 2 Cor. 4:1-7.

This is something that we must understand! Man is labeled with the number six. He was made on the sixth day. He is made primarily out of carbon, which possesses the atomic number six. He utilizes six components in order to understand and know the things of a man. Six falls short of completion! If we are to understand spiritual things; if we are to understand the things of Yahweh, then we must be given His Spirit as a possession, which adds a seventh component to us. As the Apostle Paul decrees, “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? Even so **the things of Yahweh knoweth no man, but the Spirit of Yahweh**. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of Yahweh; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of Elohim. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Spirit teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of Yahweh: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned,” 1 Cor. 2:11-14.

As we breathe the air that is charged by the prince of the power of the

air, his spirit, thoughts, impulses, attitudes, desires, etc., are received into the fleshly mind of the natural, carnal man.

THE LAW OF SIN

The Apostle Paul revealed that there is a “law of sin” in the flesh, “For we know that the law is spiritual: but **I am carnal, sold under sin**. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then **it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me**. For I know that **in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing**: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, **it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me**. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of Yahweh after the inward man: But **I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members**. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank Yahweh through Yahshua the Messiah our Sovereign. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of Yahweh; but with the flesh the law of sin,” Ro. 7:14-25.

Paul adds, “This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For **the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other**: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would,” Gal. 5:16-17.

Furthermore, Paul reveals that the natural carnal minded man (person) simply can’t be obedient to the law and can’t please Yahweh, “For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For **to be carnally minded is death**; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because **the carnal mind is enmity against Yahweh: for it is not subject to the law of Yahweh, neither indeed can be**. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please Yahweh. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of Yahweh dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of the Messiah, he is none of his**,” Ro. 8:5-9.

He advises Timothy, “And the servant of the Sovereign must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if Yahweh peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And **that they may re-**

cover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will,” 2 Tim. 2:24-26.

Peter also warns, “Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:** Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world,” 1 Pet. 5:8-9.

Understand this, the serpent Satan the devil was given power over all mankind. Only those who have been called out of this world and been given to Yahshua, receiving His Spirit, belong to Him. No matter how good and righteous a person may appear, if that righteousness is not coming from the Spirit of Yahweh, which is given through Yahshua the Messiah, then all of that person’s righteousnesses are as filthy rags, “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us, because of our iniquities,” Isa. 64:6-7.

Jeremiah reveals, “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” Jer. 17:9. Yes, who can know this? Our hearts are from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Our heart has a tendency to cause us to trust in ourselves above all, even above Yahweh Himself. As the old saying goes concerning the man and woman sitting on the porch. The man turns to his wife and says, “Martha, I have determined that there are only two people in this world in their right minds. That is you and me, and sometimes I wonder about you.”

Yahshua declared (speaking of eating with unwashed hands), “Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For **out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man:** but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man,” Mt. 15:17-20.

So many become so worried about what goes into the mouth (such as unclean foods). This is not to say that we shouldn’t observe Yahweh’s command concerning the law of clean and unclean foods, but the problem is that we begin to focus on the physical much more than the spiritual. We have a tendency to make the eating of unclean foods of more importance

than that which is in the heart of man. It is that which is in the heart, proceeding from it that defiles a person. We must understand our nature. The natural man walks in a vain show. The natural man walks in idolatry. The natural man exalts himself more than his Creator and more than his neighbor. The natural man is his own elohim. The natural man is designated to be the serpent's food. But the serpent isn't satisfied with this. He especially directs his attention toward those who belong to Yahshua the Messiah. He wants to roar over them like a lion that has made its kill.

In the day that Yahweh cursed Adam, He told him “Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.” Chapter 1 has taken us back to the beginning of our history in order to explain, by the Word of Yahweh, how we are as we are in our personal lives. It reveals what we are truly like and why we fall short of the glory of Yahweh.

Now in Chapter 2, we must magnify this understanding by viewing the history of mankind, which brings us down to today’s world.

When Yahweh had finished with His creation on the sixth day it is said, “And Elohim saw everything that he had made, and, behold, **it was very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day,” Gen. 1:31.

When it says that it was very good, it means that it was exceedingly good. It had to have been a breath-taking creation. This statement, of course, is an oxy-moron. It didn’t take the breath, it gave breath, life, beauty, etc.

The man and woman were placed in a beautiful Garden of Eden, which was to be the headquarters of the earth, because they were to be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth. But the serpent entered into the garden, deceived the woman to take of the forbidden fruit and the rest is history.

The first murder in man’s recorded history was committed by the first man-child born of Adam and Eve. Cain slew his brother Abel. Cain and his posterity were banished from Yahweh’s presence, just as his father Adam had been banished from the Garden of Eden. Thus, the first man committed suicide and the first man born into the world committed murder.

In less than two thousand years the earth with its inhabitants had to be destroyed by a great flood. Had it not been for Noah and his family, all would have been lost, but Noah found grace in the eyes of Yahweh (Gen. 6).

Noah’s family was able to cross over into a new world, a world washed clean by water. But then came Nimrod who became a despot, and he was put before, or in the place of Yahweh (Gen. 10:9). How did this happen so soon after the flood while it was still on the minds of men? It is because of what we have discovered and written above. Man at his best state is altogether vanity (*tselem* = a shade, phantom, idol, etc.) Man is dust and

the serpent's food is dust. Man breathes the air (*ruach*) and the serpent is the god of this world and the prince of the power of the air (*ruach*). Man was made to be the sovereign, the master, the lord of the earth under Yahweh's righteous direction, but now he follows the lead of the serpent.

Only those who Yahweh chooses to call will be able to resist the serpent's enticements, and even they are not totally perfect. Nimrod established his kingdom in Babel (Babylon), but he built great cities in many places. He was such a great city builder and the earth was all of one language following in rebellion against Yahweh, that it was proposed that they build a great tower not only reaching into the heavens, but wherein would contain the constellations of heaven. This was for the worship of the host of heaven, which Yahweh hated. But Yahweh saw what they were doing, and divided them by confusing their language and the greatness of Nimrod and his kingdom began to wane.

Then Yahweh called Abram out of Ur of the Chaldees, which then began the history of the family of salvation that grew from Abraham, to Isaac, to Jacob, to Israel.

Yahweh, Himself, allowed the conditions to come upon the earth that brought the Israelites into the land of Egypt and eventually into slavery to Pharaoh and his people.

Through Moses, Yahweh called Israel out of Egypt and made a covenant with them, which if they were obedient, they would be truly blessed, but if not, they would suffer curses and destruction.

ISRAEL

Yahweh delivered Israel out of Egypt with great signs and wonders. He brought them into the wilderness and made a marriage covenant with them. The basis of this covenant was established on the two tables of stone that Moses brought down from the mount.

This covenant was based upon two promises, Yahweh's and Israel's.

Moses went up to receive Yahweh's promises to Israel, "And Moses went up unto Elohim, and Yahweh called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar

treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation,” Ex. 19:3-6.

Israel promised or covenanted, “All that Yahweh hath spoken we will do,” Ex. 19:8 (See also Ex. 24:3 & 7).

While the Israelites were Yahweh’s people, they were still born into this world having only the spirit in man, or the spirit of Adam, the mortal, corruptible man. They weren’t given the Holy Spirit at that time so that they could understand spiritual things, nor keep the covenant that they had made with Yahweh.

Yahweh pronounced blessings and cursings upon Israel. If they were obedient to His spiritual law, then they would be blessed, but if not, they would be cursed. The Covenant of Moses contained physical things, which they could perform, but it also contained spiritual components that they simply couldn’t understand, or perform.

It is recorded by Moses, “These are the words of the covenant, which Yahweh commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb. And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that Yahweh did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles: **Yet Yahweh hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day,**” Dt. 29:1-4.

Again he writes, “And Yahweh heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and Yahweh said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. **O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always,** that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!” Dt. 5:28-29.

Isaiah was inspired to proclaim, “**Thy first father hath sinned,** and thy teachers have transgressed against me. Therefore I have profaned the princes of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches,” 43:27-28.

Hosea writes, “But they **like men** have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me,” 6:7.

The question is, Who is their first father? The answer is Adam. The word “men” in Hosea 6:7 is a mistranslation. The Hebrew word or name

is “ADAM!”

They, as all mankind, followed the path of their first father Adam who, in essence, committed suicide when he took of the forbidden fruit. Whether you like to admit it or not, we all follow him. We have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of Elohim, bringing the death penalty upon our own heads.

THE COVENANT OF DEATH

I know that this is hard to believe, but Yahweh led Israel to make a covenant with Him that would only lead to their death and destruction. It is called a covenant or ministration of death!

The Apostle Paul writes, “Ye are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read of all men: Forasmuch as ye are manifestly declared to be the epistle of the Messiah ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living Elohim; not in tables of stone, but in fleshy tables of the heart. And such trust have we through the Messiah toward Elohim: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of Yahweh; Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life. But if **the ministration of death, written and engraven in stones, was glorious**, so that the children of Israel could not stedfastly behold the face of Moses for the glory of his countenance; **which glory was to be done away**: How shall not the ministration of the spirit be rather glorious? For if the ministration of condemnation be glory, much more doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in glory. For even that which was made glorious had no glory in this respect, by reason of the glory that excelleth. For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious,” 2 Cor. 3:2-11.

The Covenant of Moses was truly a glorious administration. But it was an administration of death because the people weren't given the power of the Holy Spirit in order to be able to fulfill their part of the agreement.

They made their deal with Yahweh before Moses ascended the mount the first time. But he was gone for forty days and nights. With hearts set on physical things and not spiritual, the Israelites gathered before Aaron demanding, “Up, make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we wot not

what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To morrow is a feast to Yahweh. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play,” Ex. 32:1-6.

They broke the covenant that they had just made with Yahweh and death was to enter into the camp when Moses returned.

BROKEN TABLES

Moses returned with the tables in his hands, but when he saw the people worshipping in their idolatry and nakedness he became very angry, “And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf, and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount,” Ex. 32:19.

This is a type. The tables of stone were the tables of the covenant. This meant that the covenant was already broken and would have to be renewed.

Another type is also figured in because **Moses burned the golden calf, crushed it to powder, cast it into water and made the people drink of it. Water is a type of the spirit (Jn. 7:37-39). This means that Moses made Israel to drink of the waters of idolatry, or the spirit of idolatry. Israel would now have an even greater tendency to descend into idolatry than they would have with the natural spirit in man received from Adam.** And such has been the case with Israel.

The trek through the wilderness for forty years reveals that their heart simply wasn't set on Yahweh. After they entered the land and conquered some of it under Yahshua ben Nun, they began a series of falling into idolatrous practices, suffering the grievous consequences, repenting and turning to Yahweh Who would deliver them by the hand of a judge, until the kingdom was established.

But the tenure under the kings of Israel fared no better. There would be an evil king and a righteous king. The northern kingdom of Israel was broken away from Judah and she never returned to Yahweh. Israel was finally overthrown and destroyed around 721 BCE.

Judah continued to serve Yahweh on and off until Yahweh would no longer renew the covenant with them, and He destroyed them and Jerusalem through the Babylonians and their king Nebuchadnezzar.

One point that we would like to make here is the fact that the covenant of Moses was renewed time, after time, after time, after time. But this is something that has to be done with the flesh if the flesh is ever going to have a covenant because, as Paul said, the law is spiritual, but I am carnal, sold under sin (Ro. 7:14).

Therefore, we declare that the covenant of Moses was a temporary covenant, made with the flesh, which is also temporary because Paul states in another place, “Now this I say, brethren, that **flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of Elohim**; neither doth corruption inherit in corruption,” 1 Cor. 15:50.

It is clearly stated that there **was** a first covenant and **now** there is a second covenant. The second covenant is declared to be a New Covenant based on better promises, that is; it is based solely on the Word of Yahweh, which never fails (Jer. 31:31-33, Heb. 8:6-9).

You see, the first covenant was more of a physical covenant made with physical, and especially carnally minded people. That which is physical, carnal and fleshly passes away, but the second is spiritual and has power to continue forever and ever.

The fact of the matter is that Israel was not given the power of the Holy Spirit to be able to fulfill their part of the covenant. They were physical, fleshly (dust). They were food for the serpent who loves to work the works of idolatry, darkness, death and destruction. Israel was dust and they returned to the dust.

THE SACRIFICE

Why would Yahweh do this to His people whom He loved, the descendants of His friend Abraham, and his sons Isaac, and Jacob? If we can ask this question, then we need to ask, Why would Yahweh sacrifice His most Beloved, precious, obedient Son Yahshua? But we understand that

Yahshua was the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world (1 Pet. 1:20).

What about Israel? Did you know that Israel was to be sacrificed for the rest of the world? Yahweh raised up the beast kingdoms after the destruction of Israel and Judah. This is revealed in the book of Daniel chapter seven. Yahshua even called the woman of Canaan who cried for Him to heal her daughter a dog (Mt. 15:22-28). Other than Israel, all peoples of the earth were regarded as unclean animals.

Yahweh called His people Israel sheep, goats, oxen, dove, etc. These were the animals that were acceptable as sacrifices on the altar of sacrifice to Yahweh. Therefore, Yahweh not only sacrificed His own Son, Yahshua, who the sacrifices typified, but His people, the house of Israel for the nations of the world.

During Yahshua's, and the apostle's day, other people, the Gentiles, or non-Hebrews were considered to be common and unclean (Acts 10:28).

Israel's sacrifice is revealed by the Apostle Paul in the book of Romans, "What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded ⁸(According as it is written, Yahweh hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day. ⁹And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompence unto them: ¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and bow down their back alway. ¹¹I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? Yahweh forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. ¹²Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fullness?...¹⁵For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? ¹⁶For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. ¹⁷And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; ¹⁸Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. ¹⁹Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. ²⁰Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear: ²¹For if Yahweh spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee. ²²Behold therefore the goodness and severity of Yahweh: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also

shalt be cut off. ²³And they also, if they abide not still in unbelief, shall be grafted in: for Yawheh is able to graff them in again. ²⁴For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and wert grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? ²⁵For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. ²⁶And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away unrighteousness from Jacob: ²⁷For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. ²⁸As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. ²⁹For the gifts and calling of Yahweh are without repentance. ³⁰For as ye in times past have not believed Yahweh, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: ³¹Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy. ³²For Yahweh hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all," Ro. 11:7-12, 15-32.

The only true hope for the world is the sacrifice and resurrection of Yahshua the Messiah, but a secondary hope has to do with the sacrifice of the house of Israel and their resurrection. What a most wondrous day that will be!!!!

We have shown how man has become the serpent's food in the beginning. We showed why the Hebrews also failed. Now we need to focus on the Gentile kingdoms to see what the end result will be.

THE GENTILE KINGDOMS

The wayward Israelite kingdoms were finally overthrown, which gave rise to new powers on the earth. The northern kingdom of Israel had gone into captivity in 721 BCE at the hand of the Assyrians. The southern kingdom of Judah followed in about 585 BCE through the hand of the Babylonians. This gave rise to the power of the Gentile (non-Hebrew) kingdoms over the earth. Not that there weren't Gentile kingdoms until that time, but there was now no Hebrew kingdom extant for any kind of influence over the Gentile kingdoms.

The Israelites had been set in the land of promise as a crowning light to the Gentile kingdoms. The temple at Jerusalem gave knowledge that the Hebrews had a most powerful Elohim named Yahweh. He was the Elohim above all elohim. Now there were no people, nor was there a temple to serve the purpose to remind them that such an Elohim exists.

The kingdom of Babylon was established as the prime ruling kingdom over the earth. This is revealed in the writings of the Scriptures. The earth was now going to pass through a series of world ruling kingdoms that would have an effect and influence upon the whole world, which continues down to this present day, and will continue until Yahshua the Messiah returns.

Yahweh had warned the Israelites that if they refused to obey Him curses would come upon them (See Dt. 28:15-68). I want to primarily focus on a couple of verses in this context, "And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be **brass**, and the earth that is under thee shall be **iron**. Yahweh shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed," Dt. 28:23-24.

The Prophet Isaiah was inspired to declare, "Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah, which swear by the name of Yahweh, and make mention of the Elohim of Israel, **but not in truth, nor in righteousness**. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the Elohim of Israel; Yahweh of hosts is his name. I have declared the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of my mouth, and I

shewed them; I did them suddenly, and they came to pass. **Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass**; I have even from the beginning declared it to thee; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldst say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. Thou hast heard, see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, and thou didst not know them,” Isa. 48:1-6.

Jeremiah was also inspired to write, “O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in **ashes**: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation: for the spoiler shall suddenly come upon us. I have set thee for a tower and a fortress among my people, that thou mayest know and try their way. They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: **they are brass and iron**; they are all corrupters. The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; **the founder melteth in vain**: for the wicked are not plucked away. Reprobate silver shall men call them, because Yahweh hath rejected them,” Jer. 6:26-28.

Ezekiel also writes, “And the word of Yahweh came unto me, saying, Son of man, the house of Israel is to me become dross: all they are **brass**, and tin, and **iron**, and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are even the dross of silver. Therefore thus saith Adonai Yahweh; Because ye are all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. As they gather silver, and **brass**, and **iron**, and lead, and tin, into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it; so will I gather you in mine anger and in my fury, and I will leave you there, and melt you. Yea, I will gather you, and blow upon you in the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst thereof. As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst thereof; and ye shall know that I Yahweh have poured out my fury upon you,” Ez. 22:18-20.

Because of their sins, Yahweh reduced His own people Israel to the dust of death. The serpent fed upon them and caused them to be overthrown and destroyed. After all, they were descendants of Adam and, like him, they were dust and had to return to the dust.

There are significant meanings as to why Yahweh chose to utilize these terms in relation to Israel, specifically and especially the brass and iron. We must explore the book of Daniel in order to come to a better understanding.

DANIEL 2

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had a dream that disturbed him greatly. The problem is that he knew that he had an important dream, but he couldn't remember what it was, "And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, wherewith his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to shew the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew the dream, and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream, and the interpretation thereof. They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation of it. The king answered and said, I know of certainty that ye would gain the time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. But if ye will not make known unto me the dream, there is but one decree for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: therefore there is no king, lord, nor ruler, that asked such things at any magician, or astrologer, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. And the decree went forth that the wise men should be slain; and they sought Daniel and his fellows to be slain," Dan. 2:1-13.

Daniel persuaded the captain of the guard, and King Nebuchadnezzar to give him a little time and he would give the king an answer. He and his three companions prayed to Yahweh and Yahweh revealed the dream and its interpretation to Daniel.

Daniel told the king, "Thou, O king, sawest, and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible. This image's head was of fine gold, his

breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of **brass**, His legs of **iron**, his feet part of **iron** and part of clay. Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them to pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth,” Dan. 2:31-35.

What Yahweh was revealing to King Nebuchadnezzar, and consequently, the rest of the world, was a prophetic thumbnail sketch of the history of the kingdoms of the world from Babylon down to the time when Yahweh would establish the kingdom of heaven under the guise and direction of Yahshua the Messiah.

Furthermore, the Hebrew word for “image” is *tselem*, the same word that we have discussed previously. Therefore, the dream was also a thumbnail sketch of the history of the kingdoms and their pagan idolatrous practices and systems.

INTERPRETATION

Daniel gave the interpretation of the dream thusly, “Thou, O king, art a king of kings: for the Eloah of heaven hath given thee a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. And wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee ruler over them all. **Thou art this head of gold**. And **after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee, and another third kingdom of brass**, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And **the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron**: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that breaketh all these, shall it break in pieces and bruise. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, the kingdom shall be divided; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly broken. And whereas thou sawest iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men: but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. And in the days of these kings shall the Eloah of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out

of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great Eloah hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure,” Dan. 2:37-45.

Let’s also take a closer look at these things ourselves, because so much of the book of Daniel, as well as the rest of the Scriptures have been sealed up until the time of the end, “And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand,” Dan. 12:9-11.

The first thing that we would notice about the image is that it begins in excellence since gold is of the highest quality, but the gold turns to a metal of a lesser quality, silver, the silver to brass/bronze, the brass/bronze to iron, the iron to iron and potter’s clay, and the iron and potter’s clay to iron and mirey clay. Therefore, the image reveals corruption, which would occur both in secular and ecclesiastical histories. Even in our own day, we have seen much corruption take place in the world governments, religion, and also in the human spirit.

ASSAYING THE COMPONENTS

The kingdoms represented by these metals, of course, were Babylon (gold), Medo-Persia (silver), Macedonia-Greece (brass/bronze), Rome (iron, iron and clay, iron and mirey clay).

But another thing that we need to look at is the first two metals themselves. Gold, in idolatry, represents the sun and the false pagan gods and goddesses associated therewith, such as Mithras, Apollo, Jupiter, Ba’al, Bel, etc. Silver, in idolatry, represents the moon and the false pagan gods and goddesses associated with it.

It is the third metal that begins to shed even more light on the subject. The third metal is bronze or brass, which in Aramaic is *nachash*. It was the serpent (*nachash*) that began the whole system of murderous lies (Gen. 3:1-5).

Remember that the image is a *tselem*, which means an idol. We are looking at a thumbnail sketch of the history of idolatry. Babylon was the beginning of the kingdoms and she is represented by the gold. One of Babylon’s chief deities was Bel (Ba’al in the Canaanite religion).

It is no coincidence that the Babylonian harlot is revealed in the book of

Revelation, “And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, **full of names of blasphemy**, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, **having a golden cup in her hand** full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, **BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH**. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Yahshua: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration,” Rev. 17:1-6.

What about the iron? “Iron is taken out of the earth...” (Job 28:2, first part). The Hebrew word for earth is *aphar*! The same word utilized in the beginning for DUST! When Yahweh told the serpent that his food would be dust (*aphar*), and told Adam that he was dust, the Hebrew word for dust was *aphar*!

What do we have here? Adam and Eve were created from the dust (*aphar*) of the earth, but they were made of such excellent quality that they had no death working in their members at first. Then they were enticed to take of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. When they did so they came under the penalty of death. Death began working in their members. Over a period of time, they were going to corrupt from that excellent condition that they were created in until they came to death and the dust would return to dust. The serpent will have eaten his food, flesh, returning it to dust.

The same can be said of the Gentile kingdoms and of all kingdoms of men for that matter. Look at Israel. Solomon was the greatest king of Israel. Israel was at the apex of her glory under his rule. But he fell away to the worship of pagan gods and Israel began to corrupt to her ruin. Does this not prove that man in his best state (as well as the kingdoms of men) is altogether vanity? (Psa. 39:5) The Hebrew word for “vanity” utilized here is *tselem*! Every man, even at his best state is altogether an idolatrous image!

Where is ancient Assyria, Egypt, Babylon, Persia, Greece? Where are the people of Central and South America who built the great cities of the

ancients, which have been and are being discovered? They have returned to the dust! They are no more! Babylon passed to Persia, Persia to Greece, and Greece to Rome.

Israel's heaven has been turned to brass! What does this mean? Supposedly, the dwelling place of the gods is in heaven, thus Yahweh's term for turning their heaven into brass. What or who is the underlying spirit of idolatry? Isn't it the serpent (*nacash*)? Doesn't the serpent have to be cast out of heaven? ¹And **there appeared a great wonder in heaven**; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars: ²And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered. ³And **there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.** ⁴And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. ⁵And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto Yahweh, and to his throne. ⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of Yahweh, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and threescore days. ⁷And there was war in heaven: **Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,** ⁸**And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.** ⁹**And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.** ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our Elohim, and the power of his Messiah: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our Elohim day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. ¹²Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time. ¹³And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child," Rev. 12:1-13.

The earth is where man lives under his own forms of government. This is what Yahweh meant by saying that He would turn their earth into iron (*aphar* = dust). The iron kingdom was/is Rome. The brass kingdom was/is Greece/Macedonia.

The image of Daniel chapter two is revealing the history of idolatry to us. It began with Babylon, the head of gold, descended to Medo-Persia, the chest and arms of silver. This represented the deities of idolatry, the sun (gold) and moon (silver) gods and goddesses. Then came Macedonia/Greece represented by the **brass**. The word *nachash* for brass or bronze also has to do with the serpent, **who is the underlying spirit of idolatry**. Man has been reduced to the worship of the serpent (*nachash*), who is represented by the brass (*nachash*). The iron represents mankind, the dust (*aphar*). The serpent feeds upon man, who is made of dust (*aphar*).

The iron and clay would be representative of Israel being amalgamated into the Roman Empire and its idolatrous spirit, as the prophet Isaiah cried out, "But now, O Yahweh, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand," Isa. 64:8. The iron and potter's clay is a type revealing that Israel has now been added to the iron kingdom.

THE WAY OF CAIN

Jude writes, "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, unrighteous men, turning the grace of our Elohim into lasciviousness, and denying the only Sovereign Yahweh, and our Sovereign Yahshua the Messiah. I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that Yahweh, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, Yahweh rebuke thee. But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves. Woe unto them! for **they have gone in the way of Cain**, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core," 3-11.

Cain, of course, slew his own brother Abel because he was jealous of him. He was banished from the presence of Yahweh to become a fugitive and a vagabond. Cain traveled eastward to the land of Nod, which is the land of wandering.

But Cain was still defiant against Yahweh. Instead of continuing as a fugitive and vagabond, he built a city and named it after his firstborn son Enoch, which means to initiate or initiated. This is very important to understand because we need to trace Cain and his influence on today's world.

Rome, the fourth kingdom of iron in Daniel chapter two, and the dreadful and terrible beast of Daniel chapter seven, had its own corrupted version of the story of Cain and Abel. This story comes alive in the myth about Romulus and Remus. Romulus and Remus, like Cain and Abel, were twins. Eventually, Romulus slew Remus and later built the city of Rome. He later disappeared in a storm, and was consequently deified.

It is interesting that Cain's great-grandchild Tubal-cain was an instructor of every artificer in **brass and iron**. In other words, he was a black smith, or founder in metals. He also was deified as Albert Mackey, a 33^o Freemason identifies him with the Roman fire god Vulcan (*Mackey's Revised Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, pp. 1059-1060).

In the latter stages of Rome's ecclesiastical history Vulcan was in a Trinitarian relationship with Jupiter and Esus (pronounced Hesus, the English version of this pagan deity was spelled Yesu, but also pronounced Hesus).

IRON

The Hebrew and Aramaic words for iron are interesting in their makeup. The Hebrew word for Iron is "barzel". It is a combination of two Hebrew words "bar" and "zalal." Bar is a Hebrew word for "son." Zalal is defined as; to shake (as in the wind), i.e. to quake; fig. to be loose morally, worthless, prodigal.

Thus, the Hebrew word for iron defines the spirit of man steeped in the idolatrous worship of the serpent. They are prodigal children. Their actions are to be morally loose, which ends up in worthlessness. Remember that the Babylonian harlot of Revelation 17 and 18 causes the whole world to commit fornication, that is; both physical and spiritual.

The Aramaic word for iron is parzel. Par would be equivalent to the same Hebrew word "par", which has to do with a bull, or bullock. Thus, the spirit of Babylon has turned the world into the worship of the Babylo-

nian bull-god Bel; the Egyptian bull-god Apis, and the Canaanite bull-god Ba'al.

How does this translate into today's terms?

Yahweh inspired Isaiah to write, ¹"Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. ²For the indignation of Yahweh is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. ³Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcases, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. ⁵For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. ⁶The sword of Yahweh is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for Yahweh hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. ⁷And the **unicorns** shall come down with them, and the **bullocks** with the **bulls**; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and **their dust** made fat with fatness," Isa. 34:1-7.

Whether people understand it or realize it or not, whether they are in Judaism, Islam, Christianity, or the other religions, they have been deceived to worship the serpent. They are food for the serpent. Adam and Eve, along with all of their posterity are made of dust (*aphar*). The flesh is the serpent's food.

The kingdoms of the world are made up of people, flesh, dust. The kingdoms of the world have been reduced from their grandeur of gold, to iron, which is made from earth (*aphar/dust*). We are presently in the death throes of the last vestiges of the Roman Empire, the fourth kingdom of Daniel 2 and the fourth beast of Daniel 7. We have come to the day when the kingdoms of this world will return to the dust. When Yahshua returns to establish the kingdom of heaven, He will overthrow the kingdoms of this world and grind them to powder, dust. The day is coming when the serpent will not be around to deceive anymore.

This world is on the verge of death, but remember that the serpent understands this and is now in the process of pulling of an even greater deception. After all, he does appear as an angel of light, and has the power to greatly deceive. He can even cause the world to think that he has established the long awaited kingdom of heaven on this earth. There is yet to

be another great war wherein he will make it look like the so-called good and righteous have won the day. That's what Revelation 13 declares, "And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him? ⁵And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months. ⁶And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven. ⁷And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations. ⁸And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. ⁹If any man have an ear, let him hear," Rev. 13:4-9.

Didn't we think that a better world and brighter future was in store for us after WWI? Didn't we think that a better world and brighter future was in store for us after WWII? Look at the world and its dangers of facing another world war. This world is desperately wicked and evil. Wickedness and evil must perish, but not by the hand of man. It will soon be dealt with by the miraculous intervention of He who first came as a lamb, but will return as a conquering lion to establish the kingdom of heaven, but the kingdoms of this world must perish.

May you understand what is written here and become prepared to escape the destruction coming upon this world at the end of this age and to face the conquering Hero Yahshua the Messiah. Even so, COME!

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